



**Speech & Language Therapist, Clinical Specialist
Grade Code 3025**

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 22 of the Health Act 2004, I hereby approve the qualifications, as set out hereunder, for the appointment and continuing as a **Speech & Language Therapist, Clinical Specialist** in the Health Service Executive.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

(a) Candidates for appointment must:

(i)	Be registered, or be eligible for registration, as a Speech & Language Therapist by the Speech & Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU.
AND	
(ii)	Have 5 years full time (or equivalent) years post qualification clinical experience of which 4 years full time (or equivalent) must be consecutive in the required area of specialism.
AND	
(jii)	Demonstrate a proven record of clinical excellence in the specialism
AND	
(iv)	Professional Development and Practice Candidates must demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development relevant to the required area of specialism, in the form of post-graduate qualifications or relevant courses.
AND	
(v)	Candidates must demonstrate achievement in the areas of clinical audit, quality improvement initiatives, practice development, teaching and research.
AND	
(vi)	Candidates must have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability, management, leadership and professional ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.
AND	
(vii)	Provide proof of Statutory Registration on the Speech & Language Therapist Register maintained by the Speech & Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU <u>before a contract of employment can be issued.</u>

2. Annual registration

(i)	On appointment, practitioners must maintain annual registration on the Speech & Language Therapists Register maintained by the Speech & Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU.
AND	
(ii)	Practitioners must confirm annual registration with CORU to the HSE by way of the annual Patient Safety Assurance Certificate (PSAC).


3. **Health**

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

4. **Character**

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

Dated this 7th day of July two thousand and twenty two



Anne Marie Hoey
National Director – Human Resources